

## **Bri's Spiel about the Brainstorming Meeting**

Next week is a special opportunity for members of the Chequamegon Bay area to assist in defining the criteria for the community acceptability of the potential remedies to be considered in the feasibility study for cleaning up this site. Several community members asked to have this opportunity to provide community input PRIOR to the agencies' evaluation of the possible remedies for the site.

At next week's meeting we will briefly explain the types of remedies that will be evaluated in the feasibility study so that citizens will have a general sense of the activities that might take place when the site is cleaned up. We will show excerpts from an educational video about cleaning up contaminated sediments. This will show how the clean-up technologies look at real locations. Then we will ask you to submit the criteria that you think we should use in evaluating the COMMUNITY ACCEPTABILITY of each potential remedy.

"Community acceptability" is one of nine criteria that the agencies are required to consider in selecting the remedy for cleaning up Superfund sites. The other eight include: protection of health and environment; compliance with existing laws; long-term effectiveness; reduction of toxicity, mobility & volume; short-term effectiveness; implementability; cost effectiveness; state acceptability. The process for considering those other eight criteria is spelled out in detail in Superfund guidance, but determining community acceptance depends on the public perceptions of each particular region where a clean-up occurs. Obviously, there are many different elements that go into determining community acceptability, and we need your help to identify those elements. These criteria may range from consistency with the city waterfront plan to minimizing truck traffic in summer, to improving fish habitat in the nearshore zone. I'm sure that you know better than I, what the elements of an acceptable remedy in your community are.

We will ask you to suggest the criteria we should use to assess "community acceptability." Specifically, our question for you is:

**What criteria indicate the acceptability of a remedy for the Chequamegon Bay area community?**

Please think about your answers to this question, and come next week ready to share them at the public meeting.